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Stream:

Branch Brook

Date of Inspection:

December 5, 1978

Wigwam Reservoir Dam is a 390 foot cement rubble masonry dam and has a maximum height of 67 feet. The top width of the dam is 13 feet. The spillway is located on the left (north) side of the embankment. Engineering data available consisted of a drawing dated 1893 showing plan, elevation and sections of the dam. No construction specifications or design calculations were available.

Wigwam Reservoir South Dam is another dam on the same reservoir as Wigwam. It is a 476 foot long earth embankment dam and has a maximum height of 32 feet. The top width of the dam is 15 feet. The spillway is located on the left (north) side of the embankment. The dam has no gates. Engineering data available consisted of a drawing dated 1893. No construction specifications or design calculations were available.

The visual inspection of Wigwam Reservoir Dam indicated that the dam is in fair condition. The inspection revealed extensive tree growth has occurred adjacent to the downstream embankment toe. Water was observed flowing near the right (south) side of the south gate structure, near the downstream toe of the embankment that could be attributed to melt water. The inspection also revealed erosion up to I foot in depth at the intersection of the upstream face of the dam and the right (south) abutment as seen in Photo 1. Erosion up to 8 inches in depth was observed on the downstream toe of the dam near the right (south) abutment. Water was observed flowing through a joint in the masonry wall immediately downstream of the spillway crest on the left (north) side of the spillway weir as shown in Photo 6. The downstream spillway channel is overgrown with brush and trees up to 3 inches in diameter as may be seen in Photos 5, 7 and 10. The downstream channel is heavily treed and trees up to 15 inches in diameter are growing out of the vertical bedrock section of the south side of the outlet channel. The visual inspection of Wigwam Reservoir South Dam indicated that the dam is in fair condition. The inspection revealed that a seepage area exists at the toe of the embankment approximately 125 feet right (south) of the spillway. A minor surficial bulge is located about 6 feet below the crest approximately 240 feet right (south) of the spillway. There is some erosion of the embankment adjacent to the spillway training wall. Also, the spillway contains numerous small trees up to 6 inches in diameter.

Based on its intermediate size and low hazard classification in accordance with the Corps guidelines, the test flood is equal to 1/2 Probable Maximum Flood. The test flood would overtop Wigwam by not more than 0.15 feet with 2.4 feet of freeboard remaining on Wigwam South Dam.

Based on the finding of the visual inspection and hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, there is no need for further engineering studies or for major alterations to Wigwam Dam. Provisions should be made by the owner to remove all trees and growth within 10 feet of the toe of the dam and in particular the large trees on the left (north) portion. Also, all trees and brush growing within the spillway channel and outlet channel should be removed.

Based on the findings of the visual inspection and hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, there is need for further engineering studies for Wigwam Reservoir South Dam. Provisions should be made by the owner to obtain appropriate corrective measures for the seepage that occurs at the toe of the embankment. Also, the spillway channel should be cleared of the trees and brush growing from the floor.

The recommendations and remedial measures are described in section 7 and should be addressed within one year after receipt of this Phase I Inspection Report by the owner.

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#### PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I Investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established guidelines, the Spillway Test Flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aide in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

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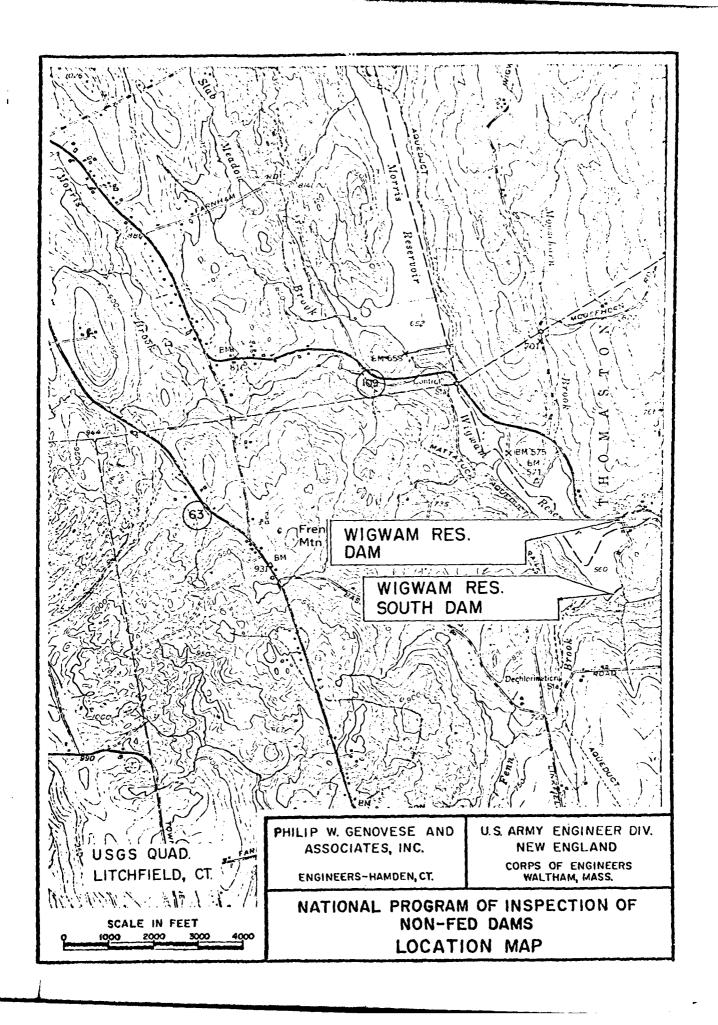
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# NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT

# SECTION 1 PROJECT INFORMATION

#### 1.1 General

a. Authority. Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a National Program of Dam Inspection throughout the United States. The New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region. Philip W. Genovese and Associates, Inc. has been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the State of Connecticut. Authorization and notice to proceed were issued to Philip W. Genovese and Associates, Inc., under a letter of November 28, 1978 from Max B. Scheider, Colonel, Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW 33-79-C0019 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

# b. Purpose.

- (1) To perform technical inspection and evaluation of non-Federal dams to identify conditions which threaten the public safety and thus permit correction in a timely manner by non-Federal interests.
- (2) To encourage and prepare the states to initiate quickly effective dam safety programs for non-Federal dams.
- (3) To update, verify and complete the National Inventory of Dams.

#### 1.2 Description of Project

a. Location. Wigwam Reservoir Dam is located on Branch Brook in the Towns of Watertown and Thomaston, Connecticut. The dam is approximately 1.3 miles upstream from the Corps of Engineers' Black Rock Dam. The dam is shown on U.S.G.S. Quadrangle, Litchfield, Connecticut with coordinates approximately N41°-39.8', W 73°-07.7', Litchfield County, Connecticut. The location of the dam is shown on the Location Map immediately preceding this page.

Wigwam Reservoir South Dam is on Branch Brook in the Town of Watertown, Connecticut. The dam is approximately 1.3 miles

upstream from Corps of Engineers' Black Rock Dam. The dam is shown on U.S.G.S. Quadrangle, Litchfield, Connecticut with coordinates approximately N 41°- 39.6', W 73°-07.7', Litchfield County, Connecticut. The location of the dam is shown on the Location Map immediately preceding this page.

b. Description of Dam and Appurtenances. Wigwam Reservoir Dam consists of a cement rubble masonry section with a total length of approximately 390 feet. The spillway has three weirs with a total length of 46.5 feet and is located on the left (north) side of the dam. The top of the dam is 13 feet wide.

The maximum structural height, according to existing plans is 67 feet. The existing plans indicate that the dam is founded on bedrock.

The appurtenant structures consist of cement rubble masonry spillway, spillway channel and an outlet works structure. The spillway section consists of three weirs each 15.5 feet long with crest elevation of 560 feet.

The outlet works consist of an intake channel, a control tower containing six valves and downstream gatehouse. Of the six gates, four control intake and two control discharge from the gate chamber. Plans do not indicate the elevation of control valves. However, two blow-off pipes are shown at elevation 492.

Figure 1, located in Appendix B, shows the plan of the dam and it: appurtenant structures. Photographs of each structure are shown in Appendix C. Sketches of the dam and its appurtenances are in Appendix C.

Wigwam Reservoir South Dam consists of an earth embankment section approximately 476 feet long.

The maximum structural height, according to existing plans is 32 feet. The existing plan indicates that the north portion of the dam is founded on bedrock.

The appurentenant structures consist of a concrete spillway and a spillway channel. The spillway consists of a 60' section and 112' section with the longitudinal axis at a 45° angle. The concrete weir has four downstream steps on the 112' section and two downstream steps on the 60' section. The crest of the weir is at elevation 560 feet and has one-inch anchor bolts at 5 foot intervals. The only outlet is the spillway which has 4 foot high concrete training walls and a bedrock channel.

Figure 2, located in Appendix B, shows the plan of the dam and its appurtenant structures. Photographs of each structure are shown in Appendix C. Sketches of the dam and its appurtenances are in Appendix D.

c. <u>Size Classification</u>. Wigwam Reservoir Dam intermediate hydraulic height- 67 feet high, storage 2946 acre-feet) based on storage (>1,000 to 50,000 acre-feet) as given in Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams.

Wigwam Reservoir South Dam intermediate (hydraulic height-32 feet high, storage 3226 acre-feet) based on storage ( 1,000 to 50,000 acre-feet) as given in Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams.

- d. Hazard Classification. The dams' potential for damage rates them as a low hazard classification. A classification of significance could have been selected and the test flood (1/2 PMF) would still be appropriate. A major breach could result in discharge downstream approximately 7000 feet through an uninhabited valley into the Corps of Engineers' Black Rock Dam. Black Rock has about 7000 acre-feet of storage compared to 3200 acre-feet for Wigwam Reservoir. No structures would be affected by a dam breach.
- e. Ownership. These dams are owned by the City of Waterbury, 236 Grand Street, Waterbury, Connecticut.
- f. Operator. These dams are maintained and operated by the City of Waterbury, Connecticut Bureau of Water. The Superintendent of Reservoirs is Mr. Leonard J. Assard, telephone 203-283-9139.
  - g. Purpose of Dam. These dams are used for water supply for the City of Waterbury.
  - h. Design and Construction History. Based on construction plans on file in the owner's office (City Engineer) the dams were constructed about 1893.
- i. Normal Operating Procedure. All controls for the reservoir are located on Wigwam Dam. Wigwam South has no gates. No data was disclosed for maintenance of reservoir water levels. Under normal operation, the reservoir is kept full. Water may be drawn from the reservoir to the intake chamber and discharged to the downstream gatehouse and then to water supply. Water can also be discharged directly downstream through two blow-off pipes.

#### 1.3 Pertinent Data

a. <u>Drainage Area</u>. The drainage area tributary to Wigwam Reservoir consists of approximately 17.28 square miles of mountainous terrain. In addition to the reservoir, 10 percent of the basin is made up of lake and swamp area. Elevations in the basin range from about 650 feet to 1150 feet MSL.

The reservoir consists of about 97 acres at the normal (top of spillway) pool elevation. No dwellings are located along the reservoir shores.

# b. Discharge at Dam Site

- (1) Outlet works for the reservoir are located on Wigwam Dam and consist of four lines to the intake chamber and two outlets to the downstream gatehouse. Water from the downstream gatehouse is discharged to Waterbury's water supply system. Water can be discharged directly downstream through two blow-off pipes.
- (2) There are no records of maximum discharge at the dam site, however, on August 19, 1955, a depth of flow of 6.5 feet was measured at the crest of the Wigwam spillway. This would give a discharge of approximately 11,600 cfs when Wigwam and Wigwam South spillway capacities are combined.
- (3) Wigwam Reservoir Dam spillway capacity with a water surface at the top of dam (elevation 567. 1) would be approximately 13,132 cfs when both spillway capacities are combined.

Wigwam Reservoir South Dam spillway capacity with a water surface at the top of dam (elevation 569.6) would be approximately 25,255 cfs when both spillway capacities are combined and Wigwam Dam is overtopped by 2.5 feet.

- (4) The spillways capacities with the water surface at the test flood elevation of 567.25 feet is approximately 13,320 cfs when both spillway capacities are combined.
- (5) The total project discharge at the test flood elevation of 567.25 feet is 13,750 cfs.

# c. Elevation (feet above MSL).

(1) Streambed at centerline of dam - Wigwam Reser-Dam 500.1, Wigwam Reservoir South Dam 537.6.

- (2) Maximum tailwater N/A
- (3) Upstream portal invert diversion tunnel N/A
- (4) Recreation pool N/A
- (5) Full flood control pool N/A
- (6) Spillway crest (permanent spillway) 560.0
- (7) Design surcharge unknown
- (8) Top dam Wigwam Reservoir Dam

# 567.1, Wigwam Reservoir South Dam 569.6.

- (9) Test flood surcharge 567.25
- d. Reservoir (miles)
  - (1) Length of maximum pool 1.2
  - (2) Length of recreational pool N/A
  - (3) Length of flood control pool N/A
- e. Gross Storage (acre-feet)
  - (1) Recleation pool N/A
  - (2) Flood control pool N/A
  - (3) Spillway crest pool 2166
  - (4) Top of dam 2946
- f. Reservoir Surface (acres)
  - (1) Recreation pool N/A
  - (2) Flood control pool N/A
  - (3) Spillway crest 97
  - (4) Test flood pool 115
  - (5) Top dam 114

#### g. Dam

- (1) Type Wigwam Reservoir Dam Cement Rubble Masonry -- Wigwam Reservoir South Dam - Earth Embankment.
- (2) Length Wigwam Reservoir Dam- 390 feet: Wigwam Reservoir South Dam- 476 feet.
  - (3) Height Wigwam- 67; Wigwam South -32
  - (4) Top width- Wigwam- 13; Wigwam South-15
- (5) Side slopes Wigwam Upstream vertical;

  Downstream vertical at top, 8 horizontal on 11 vertical in lower portion. Wigwam South Upstream-2:1; Downstream 2:1 with 5' berm.
  - (6) Zoning None
- (7) Impervious core Wigwam- N/A; Wigwam South Masonry corewall (elevation 532 to 563).
- (8) Cutoff- Excavation to rock at approximately elevation 478 feet.
  - (9) Grout curtain Unknown both dams.
- (10) Other-Wigwam Unknown; Wigwam South "clay" at base of embankment. "Puddle wall" at upstream toe.
  - h. Diversion and Regulating Tunnel None both dams.

#### i. Spillway

- (1) Type Wigwam, cement rubble masonry with stone steps; Wigwam South, concrete with steps.
- (2) Length of weir Wigwam 46.5 feet (3 at 15.5 feet each) Wigwam South 172 feet.
- (3) Crest elevation Wigwam 560 feet, (top of flash-boards 561 feet); Wigwam South 560 feet.
  - (4) Gates None both dams.
  - (5) Upstream channel None visible, both dams.

- (6) Downstream channel Wigwam Cement rubble masonry block (steps) variable width and depth. Wigwam South concrete steps with concrete training walls four steps on 112 foot long section and two steps on 60 foot long section. Both sections are on bedrock.
- j. Regulating Outlets All controls are located on Wigwam Reservoir Dam. The reservoir can be drained by two 36 inch blow-off pipes set at approximately elevation 492 feet. These pipes are controlled by a valve, located in a downstream gatehouse. The four water supply intakes feed a service tower with two chambers. The intakes are controlled by gates. Two 30 inch outlet pipes are connected to a downstream gatehouse which contains a valve for each pipe. Below the downstream gatehouse the two pipes are joined at a "Y" connection to a 36" pipe which is connected to Waterbury's water supply system.

# SECTION 2 ENGINEERING DATA

# 2.1 Design

These dams were constructed in about 1893 for water supply purposes. Plans dated 1893 as prepared by R.A. Cairns, City Engineer, City of Waterbury showing plan, elevation, typical sections and details are available at the office of the owner (City Engineer). No indepth engineering data were found for these dams.

# 2.2 Construction

No construction records were available for use in evaluating the dams.

#### 2.3 Operation

No engineering operational data were disclosed.

#### 2.4 Evaluation

- a. Availability. Other than the set of plans described above, no additional engineering data were found to be available.
- b. Adequacy. The lack of in-depth engineering data did not allow for a definitive review. Therefore, the adequacy of these dams could not be assessed from the standpoint of reviewing design and construction data, but is based primarily on visual inspection, past performance history and sound engineering judgment.
- c. <u>Validity</u>. The field investigation indicated that the external features of Wigwam Reservoir Dam and Wigwam Reservoir South Dam substantially agree with those on the available plans. One apparent change is in the spillways.

# SECTION 3 VISUAL INSPECTION

#### 3.1 Findings

a. General. The field inspection of Wigwam Reservoir Dam and Wigwam Reservoir South Dam was made on December 5, 1978. The inspection team consisted of personnel from Philip W. Genovese and Associates, Inc. and Geotechnical Engineers, Inc. Representatives of the City of Waterbury, Bureau of Water, were also present during portions of the inspection. Inspection checklists, completed during the visual inspection are included in Appendix A. At the time of the inspection of Wigwam Reservoir Dam the water level was approximately 0.14 feet above the permanent spillway elevation. No water was passing over the spillway because of flash boards. The upstream face of the dam could only be inspected above this water level.

At the time of the inspection of Wigwam Reservoir South Dam the water level was approximately 0.14 feet above the permanent spillway elevation and was passing over the spillway. The upstream face of the dam could only be inspected above this water level.

b. <u>Dam.</u> The Wigwam Reservoir Dam consists of a cement rubble masonry section about 390 feet long. The crest is at elevation 567.1 according to the design drawings.

According to the design drawings, the entire section is founded on bedrock. The appearance of bedrock outcrops at several locations downstream of the dam is consistent with the design drawings in this respect.

Extensive tree growth has occurred adjacent to the downstream toe of the left (north) portion of the embankment with trees ranging up to 2 feet in diameter as shown in photos 9 and 11. One three inch tree is growing out of the masonry wall near the downstream toe.

Water was observed flowing near the right (south) side of the right (south) downstream gatehouse near the toe of the embankment that is believed to be melt water.

Erosion up to 12 inches deep has occurred at the intersection of the upstream face of the dam with the right (south) abutment which is shown in photo 1. Also, erosion up to 8 inches deep has occurred at the downstream toe of the dam near the right (south) abutment.

There is limited information in the available design drawings as to whether the embankment section is founded on bedrock.

No seepage was observed at the downstream slope or downstream toe of the embankment.

The Wigwam Reservoir South Dam consists of an earth embankment section about 476 feet long. The crest is at elevation 570 according to the design drawings.

According to the design drawings, the left (north) portion is founded on bedrock. The appearance of bedrock outcrops in the spill-way channel is consistent with the design drawings in this respect.

The embankment section is covered with grass and riprap up to elevation 565 feet on the upstream slope. No lateral or horizontal movement of the crest was observed.

An area of seepage was observed at the toe of the downstream slope approximately 125 feet right (south) of the spillway. The area is about 16 feet wide and extends from the toe to about 7 feet up the slope, as shown in photos 9 and 10.

A minor surficial bulge was observed about 6 feet below the crest on the downstream slope approximately 240 feet right (south) of the spillway.

Some slight erosion was observed at the contact with the spillway training wall.

Some brush was observed at the waterline of the upstream slope of the embankment.

There is limited information in the available design drawings as to whether the embankment section is founded on bedrock.

c. Appurtenant Structures. Wigwam Reservoir Dam - Visual inspection of the cement rubble masonry spillway, spillway channel and outlet works did not reveal any evidence of stability problems. The spillway surface and construction joints appeared to be in good condition although water was observed flowing through a joint in the left (north) wall of the weir as seen in Photo 6. The spillway channel is overgrown with brush and trees up to 3 inches in diameter.

The spillway structure, shown in Photos 3 and 6 consists of three weirs of cement rubble masonry with walls and flashboards. The spillway surface is in good condition.

The outlet works consist of an intake service chamber containing 6 control gates and a downstream gatehouse containing 2 gates. As

the intake structure was below water, it was not inspected. Of the 6 gates located in the gate chamber, 4 control intake and 2 control outlet. The intakes are located at elevations 450, 469, 490 and 513. The discharge conduits are located at elevation 445. As all gates were below water in the gate chamber, they could not be inspected. However, all parts of the gate chamber that could be inspected appeared to be in good condition. All gates are reported to be operable.

The spillway discharge channel is generally in good condition except for the overgrowth of brush and trees.

Wigwam Reservoir South Dam - Visual inspection of the concrete spillway and spillway channel did not reveal any evidence of stability problems. The concrete surface and construction joints appeared to be in good condition.

The spillway structure, shown in Photos 4 and 8 consists of a concrete weir with steps and training walls. The concrete spillway surface is in good condition.

The spillway discharge channel is generally in good condition except for the tree growth in the floor of the channel.

- d. Reservoir Area. The reservoir area has mountainous terrain, partially wood covered. A more detailed description of the drainage area is included in Section 1.3 of this report. There was no development observed along the shoreline.
- e. <u>Downstream Channel</u>. <u>Wigwam Reservoir Dam</u> Two blow-off pipes and the spillway discharge channel flow into the downstream channel. The right (south) side of the downstream channel is heavily treed in same areas.

Wigwam Reservoir South Dam - Thespillway discharge channel becomes the downstream channel which flows into Branch Brook. The downstream channel is bedrock as shown in Photo 4.

#### 3.2 Evaluation

<u>Wigwam Reservoir Dam</u> - Visual examination indicates that the dam is in fair condition. No seepage was observed from the foundation or abutments of the dam. The inspection revealed the following:

a. Extensive tree growth adjacent to the downstream toe of the left (north) portion of the embankment and abutment with trees up to 2 feet in diameter and a 3 inch tree growing out of the masonry wall near the downstream toe.

- b. Water flowing near the right (south) side of the right (south) downstream gatehouse near the downstream toe that is believed to be melt water.
- c. Erosion up to 12 inches deep at the intersection of the upstream face of the dam with the right (south) abutment. Also, erosion up to 8 inches deep at the downstream toe near the right (south) abutment.
- d. Water flowing through a joint in the left (north) wall of the spillway weir, downstream from the crest.
- d. Overgrowth of the spillway channel with brush and trees up to 3 inches in diameter.
- f. Heavy growth of trees up to 15 inches in diameter on the right (south) side of the downstream channel.

Wigwam Reservoir South Dam - Visual examination indicates that the dam is in fair condition. Seepage was observed from the embankment section of the dam. The inspection revealed the following:

- a. Seepage at the toe of the downstream slope.
- b. A minor surficial bulge on the downstream slope.
- c. Slight erosion of the embankment at the spillway training wall.
- d. Tree growth in the spillway channel and downstream channel.

# SECTION 4 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

## 4.1 Procedure

Wigwam Reservoir Dam and Wigwam Reservoir South Dam create an impoundment of the water which is used primarily as a water supply source for the City of Waterbury. The normal operational procedure is to draw water from the reservoir and pipe it approximately 7 miles to Waterbury. Water can also be discharged to the downstream channel through two blow-offs. All controls are located on Wigwam Reservoir Dam. Wigwam Reservoir South Dam has no outlet other than the spillway.

#### 4.2 Maintenance of Dam

These dams are visited on a frequent basis by personnel of the City of Waterbury, Bureau of Water. These visits are primarily for surveillance of the reservoir for water quality control purposes. General maintenance is accomplished during these visits.

# 4.3 Maintenance of Operating Facilities

Maintenance on the operating facilities is done on a regular basis.

# 4.4 Description of Warning Systems

There are no warning systems in effect at this facility.

#### . 4.5 Evaluation

The current operating and maintenance procedures for these dams is to insure that all problems encountered can be remedied within a reasonable period of time. The owner should establish a written operation and maintenance proceedure as well as establishing a warning system to follow in event of flood flow conditions or imminent dam failure.

# SECTION 5 HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS

Wigwam Reservoir has two dams, one known as Wigwam Reservoir Dam and the other Wigwam Reservoir South Dam. The top of Wigwam South Dam (an earthen structure) is 2.5 feet higher than Wigwam (a rubble masonry structure) which could probably be overtopped without severe damage.

Wigwam Reservoir Dam consists of a 390 foot long cement rubble masonry dam and a 46.5 feet long cement rubble masonry spillway. The maximum structural height of the dam is 67 feet. Appurtenant structures other than the spillway consist of a spillway channel, an outlet works, 2 blow-offs and 2 downstream gatehouses. The spillway crest is at elevation 560 feet without flashboards. The outlet works consists of an intake tower with two chambers and a downstream gatehouse. Intake conduits are located at elevations 450, 469, 490 and 513. Discharge conduits are at elevation 445.

Wigwam Reservoir Dam is classified as being intermediate in size having a maximum storage of 2946 acre-feet.

Wigwam Reservoir South Dam consists of a 476 foot long earth embankment dam and a 172 foot long concrete spillway. The maximum structural height of the dam is 32 feet. The only appurtenant structure is the spillway whose crest is at elevation 560 feet.

Wigwam Reservoir South Dam is classified as being intermediate in size having a maximum storage of 3226 acre-feet.

- a. Design Data. No hydrologic or hydraulic design data were disclosed for these dams.
- b. Experience Data. The maximum discharge at this dam site is unknown. The maximum observed condition was reported to be 6.5 feet over the spillways or about 11,600 cfs on August 19, 1955.
- c. <u>Visual Observations</u>. No evidence of damage to any portion of the projects from overtopping was visible at the time of the inspection.
- d. Test Flood Analysis. As no detailed design and operational information are available, hydrologic evaluation was performed using dam information gathered by field inspection, watershed size and an estimated test flood equal to 1/2 Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) as determined by guide curves issued by the Corps of Engineers. Based on a drainage area of 17.28 square miles, it was estimated that the test

flood flow at this dam would be 15, 120 cfs. Following the guidance for Estimating Effect of Surcharge Storage on Maximum Probable Discharges results in a test flood discharge of 13,750 cfs. As the maximum spillway capacity at the top of Wigwam Reservoir Dam (elevation 567.1 feet) is 13,130 cfs, the test flood will overtop the dam by 0.15 feet with 2.4 feet of freeboard remaining at Wigwam Reservoir South Dam.

e. <u>Dam Failure Analysis</u>. The impact of failure of the dam at maximum pool (top of dam) was not assessed using the "Rule of Thumb" Guidance for Estimating Downstream Dam Failure Hydrographs issued by the Corps of Engineers.

Breaching the dams and running downstream with the resulting water profiles would not alter the classification because of the lack of habitation in the 7000 feet reach between the Wigwam Dams and Black Rock Dam.

Black Rock Dam has approximately 7000 acre-feet of storage compared to 3200 acre-feet of storage for Wigwam Reservoir to the top of the dams.

# SECTION 6 STRUCTURAL STABILITY

# 6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

- a. <u>Visual Observations</u>. The visual examinations did not disclose any immediate stability problems. Routine maintenance should be sufficient to prevent any long-term problems.
- b. <u>Design and Construction Data.</u> Design drawings are available for the dams. They include general information regarding the overall dimensions of the dams and their appurtenances. This information is not sufficient to assess the stability of the dams and the safety must be judged primarily from visual observations.
- c. Operating Records. No operating records pertinent to the structural stability of the dams were available.
- d. <u>Post Construction Changes</u>. Since original construction was completed in about 1893 no major changes have been added at the site. No changes have been made to the dams.
- e. Seismic Stability. The dams are located in Seismic Zone 1, and in accordance with recommended Phase I guidelines does not warrant seismic analysis.

# SECTION 7 ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMEDIAL MEASURES

#### 7.1 Dam Assessment

- a. <u>Condition</u> <u>Wigwam Reservoir Dam</u>. The visual examination indicates that the dam is in fair condition. The inspection revealed:
- 1. Extensive tree growth adjacent to the downstream toe of the left (north) portion of the embankment and abutment with trees up to 2 feet in diameter.
- 2. Water flowing near the right (south) side of the right (south) downstream gatehouse near the downstream toe that is believed to be melt water.
- 3. Erosion up to 12 inches deep at the intersection of the upstream face of the dam with the right (south) abutment. Also, erosion up to 8 inches deep at the downstream toe near the right (south) abutment.
- 4. Water flowing through a joint in the left (north) wall of the spillway weir, downstream from the crest.
- 5. Overgrowth of the spillway channel with brush and trees up to 3 inches in diameter.
- 6. Heavy growth of trees up to 15 inches in diameter on the right (south) side of the downstream channel.

Wigwam Reservoir South Dam - The visual examination indicates that the dam is in fair condition. The inspection revealed:

- 1. An area of seepage at the toe of the downstream slope of the embankment approximately 125 feet right (south) of the spillway.
- 2. A minor surficial bulge on the downstream slope of the embankment approximately 240 feet right (south) of the spillway.
- 3. Slight erosion of the embankment adjacent to the spill-way training wall.
- 4. Tree growth in the spillway channel and downstream channel.
- 5. Minor growth of brush at the water line on the upstream slope of the embankment.

- b. Adequacy of Information. The lack of in-depth engineering data did not allow for a definitive review. Therefore, the adequacy of these dams could not be assessed from the standpoint of reviewing design and construction data, but is based primarily on visual inspection, past performance history and sound engineering judgment.
- c. Urgency. These dams are in fair condition. The recommendations and remedial measures described in Sections 7.2 and 7.3 should be accomplished within one year after receipt of this Phase I Inspection Report by the owner.
- d. <u>Need for Additional Investigation</u>. The findings of this inspection indicate that there is need for additional investigations for Wigwam Reservoir South Dam.

#### 7.2 Recommendations

Based on the findings of the visual inspection and hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, there is need for further engineering studies of the dam. The owners should engage a professional engineer with knowledge in this field to design appropriate correction for the seepage at the toe of the downstream slope embankment of Wigwam Reservoir South Dam.

#### 7.3 Remedial Measures

An operational procedure and for all warning system for emergency conditions should be established.

A biennial technical inspection program should be developed.

#### Wigwam Reservoir Dam

- a. All trees and growth within 10 feet of the toe of the dam should be removed. Removal and backfill should be supervised by a professional engineer knowledgeable in the field.
- b. Trees and brush within the spillway channel should be removed.
  - c. Trees growing out of the outlet channel should be removed.
- d. The downstream toe of the embankment should be inspected to verify the assumption that flowing water observed during inspection was melt water.

- e. Areas of erosion should be backfilled with well compacted suitable material.
- f. Water flowing through the joint in the wall of the spill-way should be prevented by repairing the joint.

# Wigwam Reservoir South Dam.

- a. Trees and brush in the spillway channel and downstream channel should be removed.
- b. Brush on the upstream slope of the embankment should be removed.

# 7.4 Alternatives

There is no practical alternative to the recommendations in Section 7.2 and 7.3.

# APPENDIX A

# INSPECTION CHECKLIST

WIGWAM RESERVOIR DAM
WIGWAM RESERVOIR SOUTH DAM

# VISUAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST PARTY ORGANIZATION

PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR DAM	DATE December 5, 1978
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	WEATHER Clear-400-450
m	W.S. ELEV. 560.14 U.S.
PARTY	
1. Bob Jones Party Chief	
2. Don Ballou Hydrology/Hydraulics	
3. Karl Dalenberg Geotechnical	
4. Dick Murdock "	
5. Leonard Assard Owner's Rep.	·
PROJECT FEATURE	INSPECTED BY REMARKS
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#### PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST

PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVO	OIR DAM	DATE December 5, 1978
PROJECT FEATURE Cement Ru		NAME
DISCIPLINE	nbankment	NAME

	AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
	DAM POINTED MASONRY	
DB	Crest Elevation	567, 10' USGS
ÞВ	Current Pool Elevation	560. 14' USGS
ВЈ	Maximum Impoundment to Date	566.5' <u>+</u>
ÆΙ	Surface Cracks	Frequent cracks & occasional heave
GEI	Pavement Condition	of concrete road on crest
ŧΕΙ	Movement or Settlement of Crest	None observed
GEI	Lateral Movement	None
EI	Vertical Alignment	Good
GEI	Horizontal Alignment	Good
ÆI	Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures	Right abutment, slight erosion along upstream contact from surface runo
GEI	Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes	N/A
GEI	Trespassing on Slopes	None, vertical masonry walls
EI	Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments	None observed at abutments except as noted above
jei	Rock Slope Protection- Riprap Failures	N/A
GEI	Unusual Movement or Cracking at or Near Toe	None observed
GEI	Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage	Slight seepage observed near gate control structure- may be surface runoff from melting snow.
GEI	Piping or Boils	None observed
GEI	Foundation Drainage Features	None
GEI	Toe Drains	None
GEI	Instrumentation System	None
GEI	Vegetation	Extensive tree growth adjacent to toe of slope
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## PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR DAM DATE December 5, 1978 PROJECT FEATURE Earthen Dam Embankment NAME DISCIPLINE NAME

	AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
	DIKE EMBANKMENT	
	Crest Elevation	N/A
-	Current Pool Elevation	
	Maximum Impoundment to Date	
EI	Surface Cracks	
EI	Pavement Condition	
EI	Movement or Settlement of Crest	
EI	Lateral Movement	
EI	Vertical Alignment	
EI	Horizontal Alignment	
EI	Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures	
EI	Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes	
ΞI	Trespassing on Slopes	
EI	Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments	
CI :	Rock Slope Protection- Riprap Failure	
ΣI	Unusual Movement or Cracking at or Near Toes	
ei :	Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage	
ei	Piping or Boils	
CI	Foundation Drainage Features	
CI	Toe Drains	
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	PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR DAM		DATE December 5, 1978	
	PROJECT FEATURE Spillway-Approach Channel		NAME	
	DISCIPLINE		NAME	
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		AREA EVALUATED		CONDITION
	OUTLET WORKS - INTAKE CHANNEL AND INTAKE STRUCTURE			
	а.	Approach Channel	Under wa	ter, not observable
GEI		Slope Conditions		
GEI		Bottom Conditions		
GEI		Rock Slides or Falls		
		Log Boom		
		Debris		
		Condition of Concrete Lining		
GEI		Drains or Weep Holes		
	ь.	Intake Structure		
		Condition of Concrete		
		Stop Logs and Slots		
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### PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR DAM DATE December 5, 1978 PROJECT FEATURE Outlet Works-Control Tower NAME NAME DISCIPLINE ... AREA EVALUATED CONDITION OUTLET WORKS - CONTROL TOWER Concrete and Structural $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{J}$ General Condition Good $\mathbf{BJ}$ Condition of Joints Good BJSpalling None observed Visible Reinforcing BJNone observed $\mathbf{BJ}$ Rusting or Staining of Concrete Some BJAny Seepage or Efflorescence None observed $\mathbf{BJ}$ Joint Alignment Good BJUnusual Seepage or Leaks in Gate None Chamber BJCracks None вЈ Rusting or Corrosion of Steel None Mechanical and Electrical Air Vents Float Wells Crane Hoist Elevator Hydraulic System Service Gates **Emergency Gates** Lightning Protection System **Emergency Power System**

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Wiring and Lighting System

PERIODIC INSPECTION	N CHECKLIST	
PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR DAM	DATE December 5, 1978	
PROJECT FEATURE	NAME	
DISCIPLINE	NAME	
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION	
OUTLET WORKS- TRANSITION AND CONDUIT	\$	
General Condition of Concrete		
Rust or Staining on Concrete		
Spalling		
Erosion or Cavitation		
Cracking		
Alignment of Monoliths		
Alignment of Joints		
Numbering of Monoliths		
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	PERIODIC INSPECT	TION CHECKLIST
	PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR DAM	DATE December 5, 1978
	PROJECT FEATURE Outlet Works-Chann	el StructureNAME
	DISCIPLINE	NAME
	AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
	OUTLET WORKS - OUTLET STRUCTURE AND OUTLET CHANNEL	
	General Condition of Concrete	
Г	Rust or Staining	Some
	Spalling	
	Erosion or Cavitation	
	Visible Reinforcing	
<b>г</b>	Any Seepage or Efflorescence	Some
Γ	Condition at Joints	Fair to good
CI	Drain holes	None observed
ΞI	Channel	Bedrock and riprap lined channel
ΣI	Loose Rock or Trees Overhanging Channel	Many trees present adjacent to left side of channel
EI	Condition of Discharge Channel	Fair, vegetation and some debris present.
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### PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR DAM DATE December 5, 1978 PROJECT FEATURE Outlet Works- Spillway ChanneNAME NAME DISCIPLINE CONDITION AREA EVALUATED OUTLET WORKS - SPILLWAY WEIR, APPROACH AND DISCHARGE CHANNELS a. Approach Channel Under water-upstream face of dam GEI General Condition GEI Loose Rock Overhanging Channel GEI Trees Overhanging Channel GEI Floor of Approach Channel b. Weir and Training Walls General Condition of Concrete $\mathbf{BJ}$ Fair to good BJRust or Staining Some Spalling Any Visible Reinforcing $\mathbf{BJ}$ Any Seepage or Efflorescence Some GEI Drain Holes None c. Discharge Channel GEI General Condition Fair GEI Loose Rock Overhanging Channel Some present along left side GEI Trees Overhanging Channel None GEI Floor of Channel Very irregular bedrock surface GEI Other Obstructions Considerable brush and debris, some rocks in channel.

PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR DAM PROJECT FEATURE			
	AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION	
OUTLET	WORKS - SERVICE BRIDGE		
a. Supe:	r Structure		
Bear	ings		
Anch	or Bolts		
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Deck			
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b. Abutı	ment and Piers		
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Appr	oach to Bridge		
Cond	ition of Seat and Backwall		

## APPENDIX A

## INSPECTION CHECKLIST

WIGWAM RESERVOIR SOUTH DAM

## VISUAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST PARTY ORGANIZATION

PROJECT WIGWAM RESERVOIR DAM	DATE December 5, 1978
	TIME 1500
	WEATHER Clear, 40°
	W.S. ELEV. 566.14 U.S.
2. Don Ballou Hydraulics/Hydrology	
4. Dick Murdock "	
5. Leonard Assard Owner's Rep.	
PROJECT FEATURE	INSPECTED BY REMARKS
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## PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST

PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR SOUTH DAM	DATE December 5, 1978
PROJECT FEATURE Earthen Dam Embankment	NAME
DISCIPLINE	NAME

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	AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION	
l	DAM EMBANKMENT		
ВЈ	Crest Elevation	569.6' USGS	
вЈ	Current Pool Elevation	560.14' USGS	
BJ	Maximum Impoundment to Date	566.5' <u>+</u>	
GEI	Surface Cracks	None observed	
GEI	Pavement Condition	Not paved, grass surface	
GEI	Movement or Settlement of Crest	None observed	
GEI	Lateral Movement	None	
GEI	Vertical Alignment	Good	
GEI	Horizontal Alignment	Good	
GEI	Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures	Good	
GEI	Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes	N/A	
GEI	Trespassing on Slopes	None, slopes well maintained	
GEI	Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments	Slight surface slough-downstream face, above reservoir water elevation	
GEI	Rock Slope Protection- Riprap Failures	Very good - no failures	
GEI	Unusual Movement or Cracking at or Near Toe	None observed	
GEI BJ	Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage	Ground soft and soggy at base of toe 125' west of spillway	
[JEI	Piping or Boils	None	
GEI	Foundation Drainage Features	None	
GEI	Toe Drains	None	
GEI	Instrumentation System	None	
GEI	Vegetation	Slopes grassed-well maintained	
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PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST			
PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR SOUTH DAM		DATE	December 5, 1978
PROJECT FEATUREOther Dam Embankment		_ NAME_	
DISCIPLINE		NAME	
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AREA EVALUATED		CONDIT	LION
DIKE EMBANKMENT			
Crest Elevation	N/A		
Current Pool Elevation	ī		
Maximum Impoundment to Date			
Surface Cracks			
Pavement Condition			
Movement or Settlement of Crest			
Lateral Movement			
Vertical Alignment			
Horizontal Alignment			
Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures			
Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes			
Trespassing on Slopes			
Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments			
Rock Slope Protection- Riprap Failures			
Unusual Movement or Cracking at or Near Toes			
Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage			
Piping or Boils			
Foundation Drainage Features			
Toe Drains			
Instrumentation System			
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PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR SOUTH	DAM DATEDecember 4, 1978
PROJECT FEATURE Outlet Works	NAME
DISCIPLINE	NAME
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AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
OUTLET WORKS - INTAKE CHANNEL AND INTAKE STRUCTURE	
a. Approach Channel	None present
Slope Conditions	
Bottom Conditions	
Rock Slides or Falls	
Log Boom	
Debris	
Condition of Concrete Lining	
Drains or Weep Holes	
b. Intake Structure	
Condition of Concrete	
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## PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR SOUTH DAM DATEDecember 5, 1978 PROJECT FEATURE Outlet Works NAME NAME DISCIPLINE-AREA EVALUATED CONDITION OUTLET WORKS - CONTROL TOWER a. Concrete and Structural None General Condition Condition of Joints Spalling Visible Reinforcing Rusting or Staining of Concrete Any Seepage or Efflorescence Joint Alignment Unusual Seepage or Leaks in Gate Chamber Cracks Rusting or Corrosion of Steel b. Mechanical and Electrical Air Vents Float Wells Crane Hoist Elevator Hydraulic System Service Gates **Emergency Gates** Lightning Protection System **Emergency Power System** Wiring and Lighting System

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## PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR SOUTH DAM DATE December 5, 1978 PROJECT FEATURE Outlet Works NAME NAME DISCIPLINE AREA EVALUATED CONDITION 3**J** OUTLET WORKS- TRANSITION AND None CONDUIT General Condition of Concrete Rust or Staining on Concrete Spalling Erosion or Cavitation Cracking Alignment of Monoliths Alignment of Joints Numbering of Monoliths A-6

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PERIODIC INSPEC	TION CHECKLIST
PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR SOUT	H DAM DATE December 5, 1978
PROJECT FEATURE Outlet Works	NAME
DISCIPLINE	NAME
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
OUTLET WORKS - OUTLET STRUCTURE AND OUTLET CHANNEL	
General Condition of Concrete	None present
Rust or Staining	
Spalling	
Erosion or Cavitation	
Visible Reinforcing	
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	·
Condition at Joints	
Drain Holes	
Channel	
Loose Rock or Trees Overhanging Channel	
Condition of Discharge Channel	
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PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST				
PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR SOUTH	DATE December 5, 1978			
PROJECT FEATURE Outlet Works- Weir	Channel NAME			
DISCIPLINE	NAME			
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AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION			
OUTLET WORKS - SPILLWAY WEIR, APPROACH AND DISCHARGE CHANNELS				
a. Approach Channel	Underwater- not observable			
General Condition				
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel				
Trees Overhanging Channel				
Floor of Approach Channel				
b. Weir and Training Walls				
General Condition of Concrete	Good			
Rust or Staining	None			
Spalling	None			
Any Visible Reinforcing	None			
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	None			
Drain Holes				
c. Discharge Channel				
General Condition	Good			
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel	None observed			
Trees Overhanging Channel	None			
Floor of Channel	Irregular bedrock surface			
Other Obstructions	Minor vegetation in channel floor and few trees 1-2 inches, one tree @ 6" diameter			
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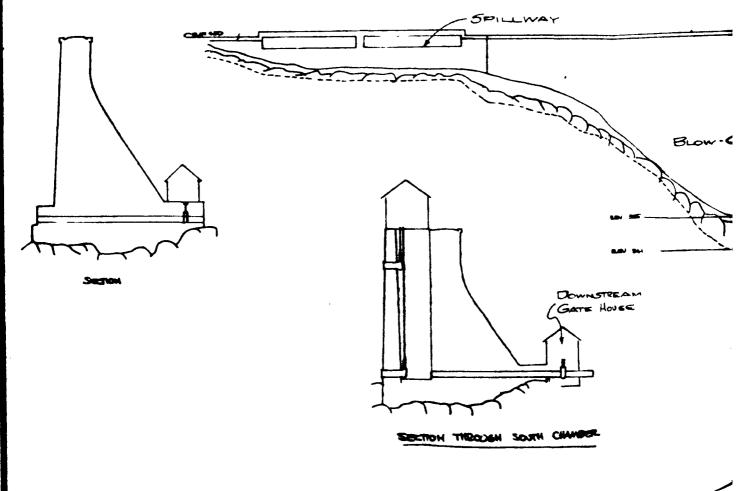
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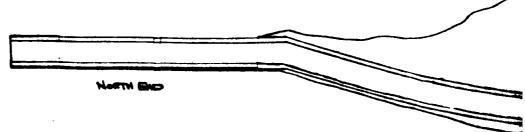
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## PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST PROJECT: WIGWAM RESERVOIR SOUTH DAM DATE December 5, 1978 PROJECT FEATURE Outlet Works NAME NAME DISCIPLINE-AREA EVALUATED CONDITION OUTLET WORKS- SERVICE BRIDGE Super Structure a. None Bearings Anchor Bolts Bridge Seat Longitudinal Members Underside of Deck Secondary Bracing Deck Drainage System Railings Expansion Joints Paint Abutment and Piers General Condition of Concrete Alignment of Abutment Approach to Bridge Condition of Seat and Backwall

#### APPENDIX B

## ENGINEERING DATA



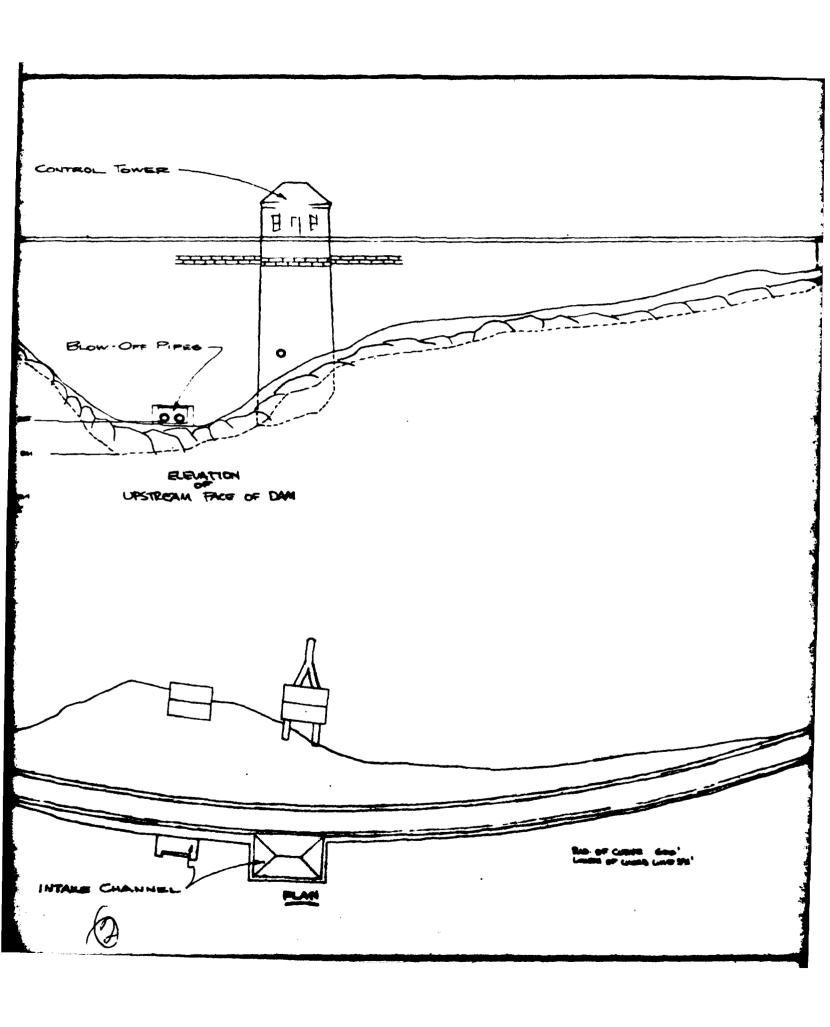


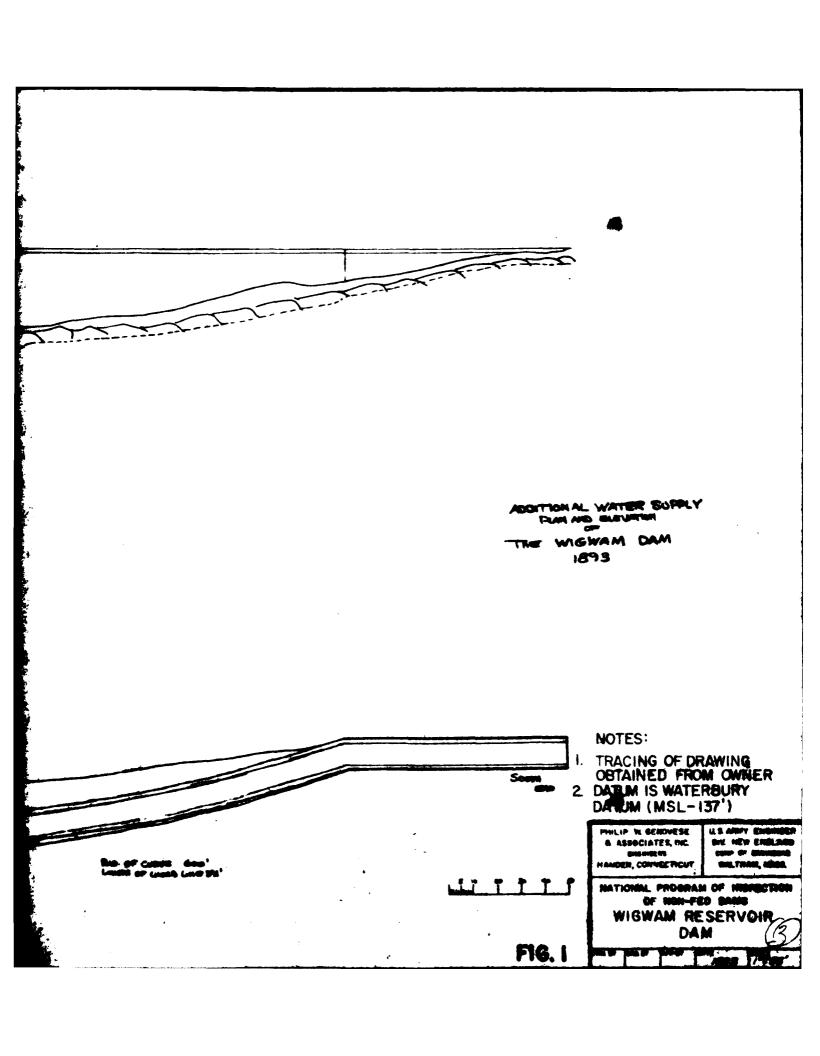
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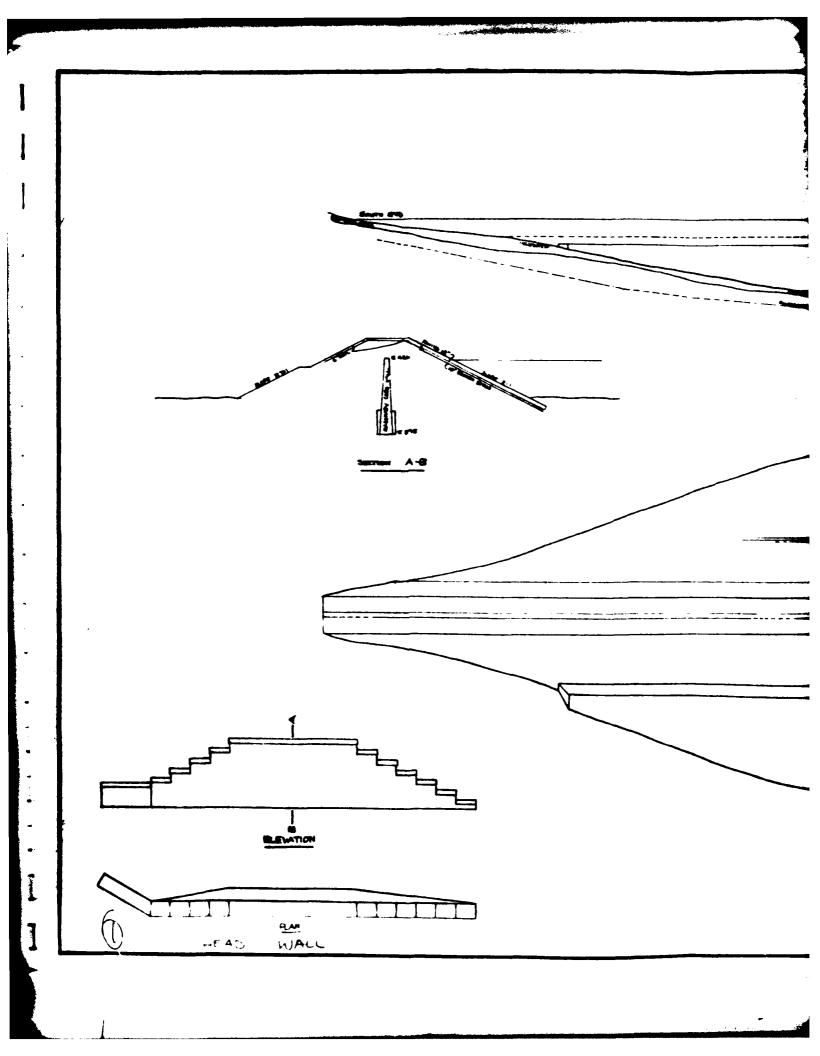
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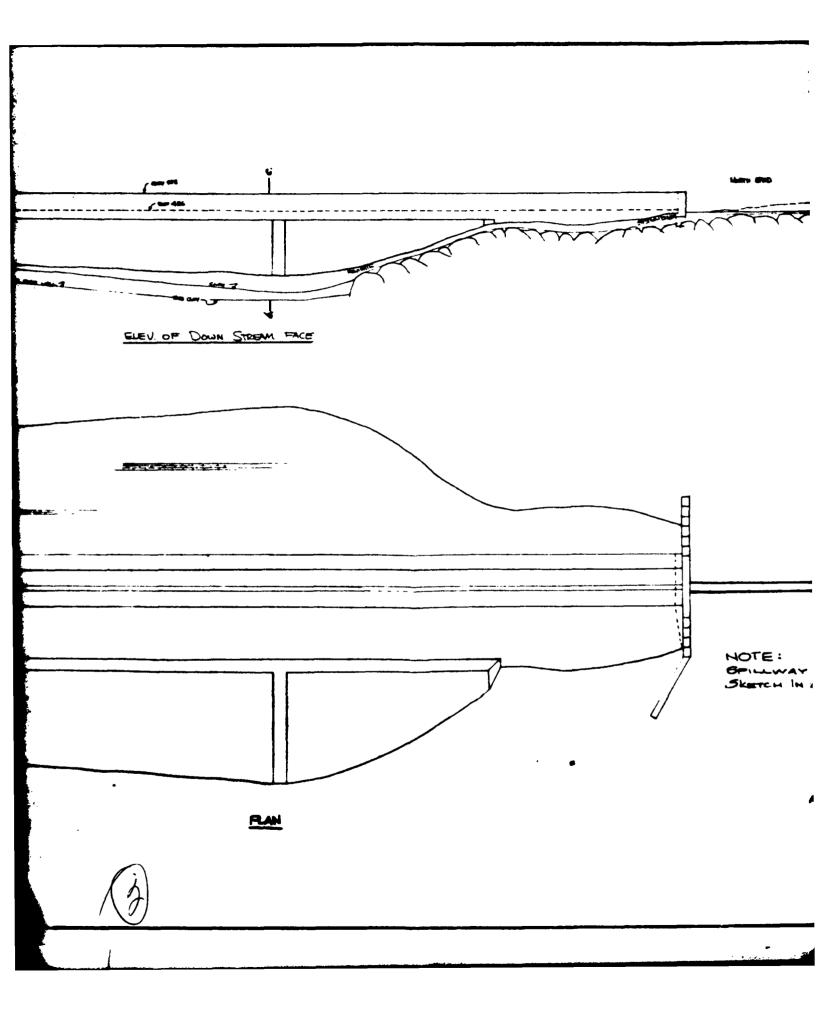
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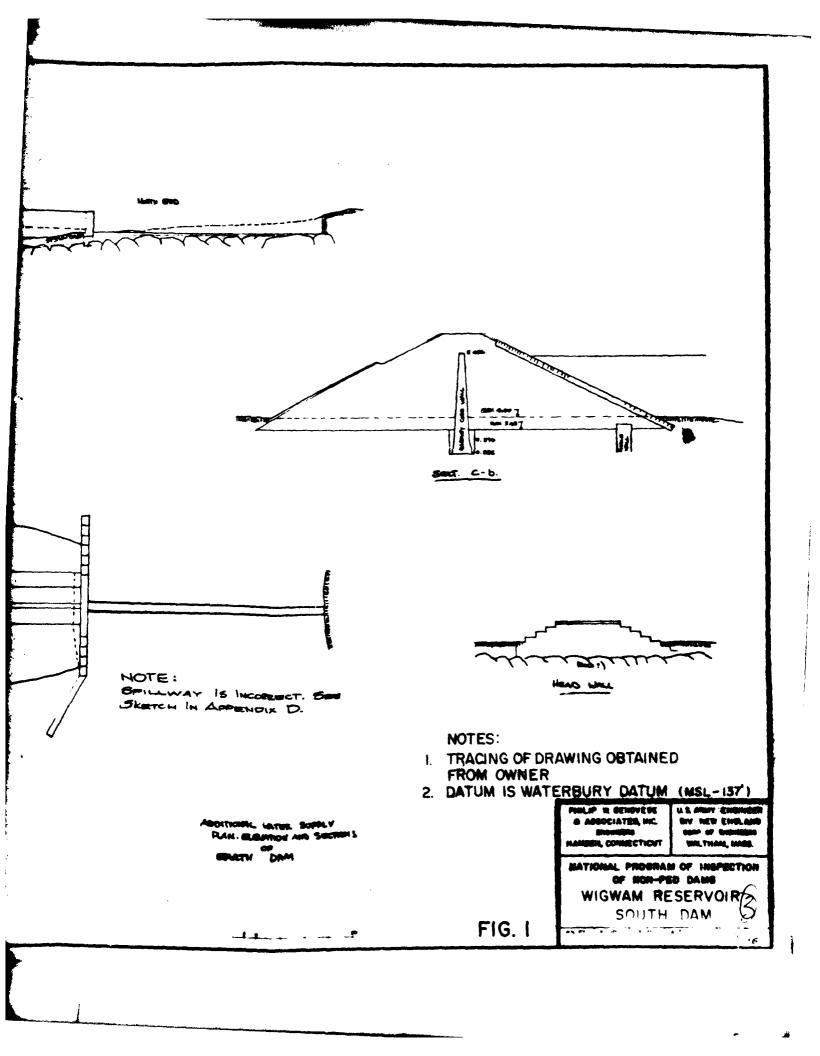
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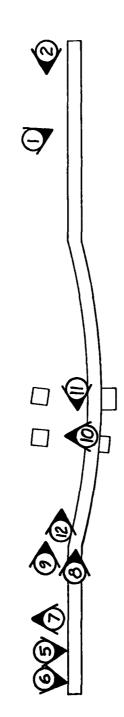






APPENDIX C

PHOTOGRAPHS



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PHOTO NO. 1 View of erosion adjacent to right (south) wingwall: erosion is approximately 12" deep.

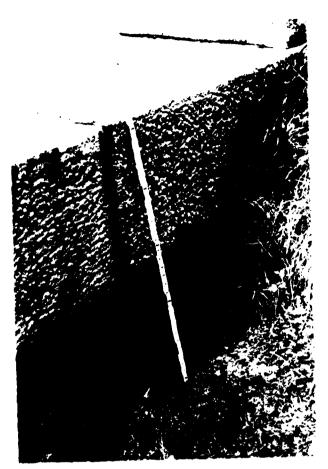




PHOTO NO. 2 - View along toe of dam looking left (north) from downstream of south abutment.



PHOTO'S NO. 3 and 4 - Panorama view (left to right) from north reservoir bank, looking toward spillway channel with flashboards.

PHOTO NO. 5 Left (north) portion of spillway.





PHOTO NO. 6 - Leakage through joint on left (north) side approximately 18.5" below spillway crest.



PHOTO NO. 7 - View looking east along spillway channel from location approximately 8' downstream from spillway crest.

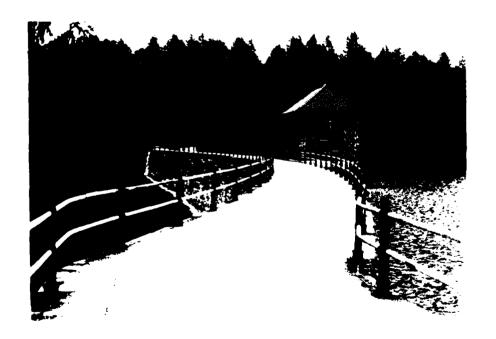


PHOTO NO. 8 - Looking along crest toward right (south) abutment.

PHOTO NO. 9 View along toe of slope toward right (south) abutment from left (north) side.

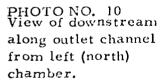




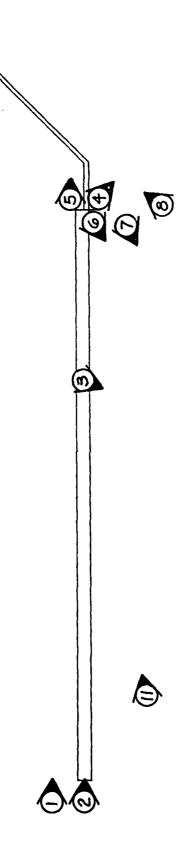


PHOTO NO. 11 Looking toward left (north) side of dam from crest at right (south) chamber.



PHOTO NO. 12 Looking toward right (south) side of dam from crest in area of spillway.





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PHOTO NO. 1 - Upstream face of dam from right (south) abutment.



PHOTO NO. 2 - Looking left (north) along crest of dam from area of right (south) abutment.

PHOTO NO. 3 - Looking along downstream face of dam from 100 feet right (south) of spillway. Apparent wet area near toe of slope, topographic suggestion of drainage channel.

PHOTO NO. 4 - Looking downstream at spillway channel from crest of dam at right (south) side of spillway.



PHOTO NO. 5 Looking left (north) across spillway weir from dam crest.





PHOTO NO. 6 - Looking at downstream slope from dam crest on right (south) side of spillway.



PHOTO NO. 7 - Looking toward right (south) abutment from toe of dam adjacent to spillway channel.



PHOTO NO. 8 - Looking upstream along right (south) side of spillway channel from toe of dam.



PHOTO NO. 9 - Area of seepage near toe of slope about 125 feet right (south) of spillway.

PHOTO NO. 10
Area of seepage in foreground, from approximately 50 ft. downstream from toe about 125 feet right (south) of spillway.

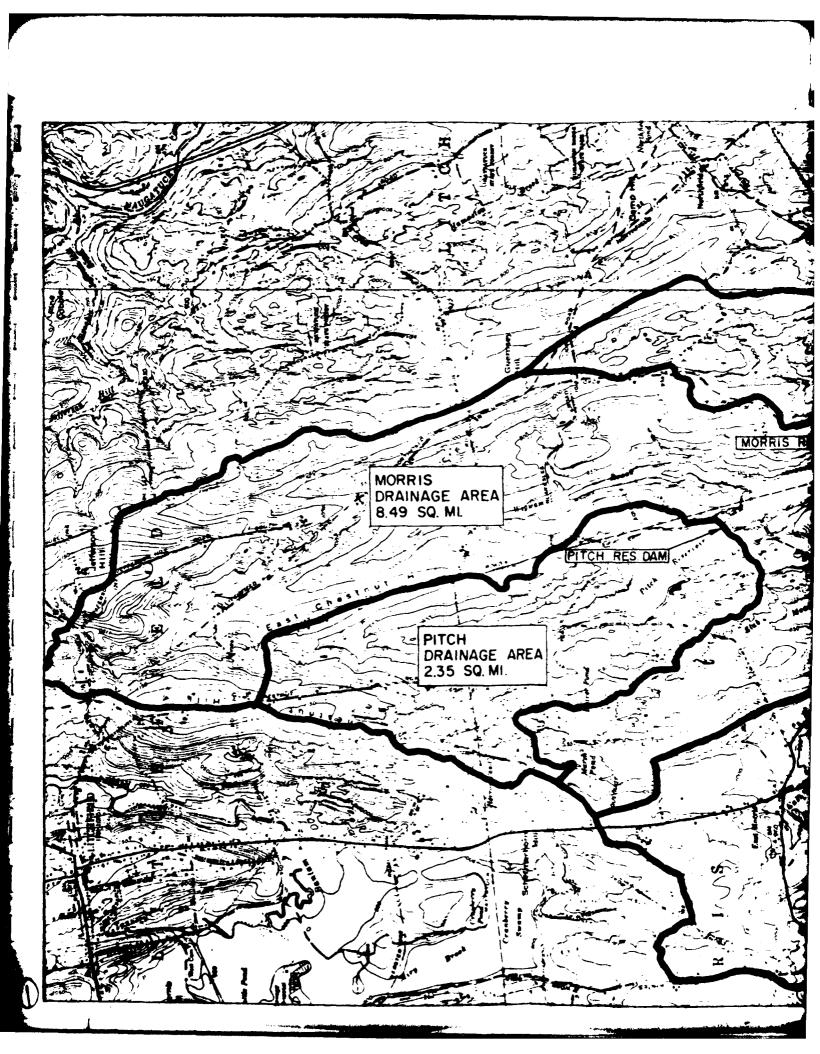


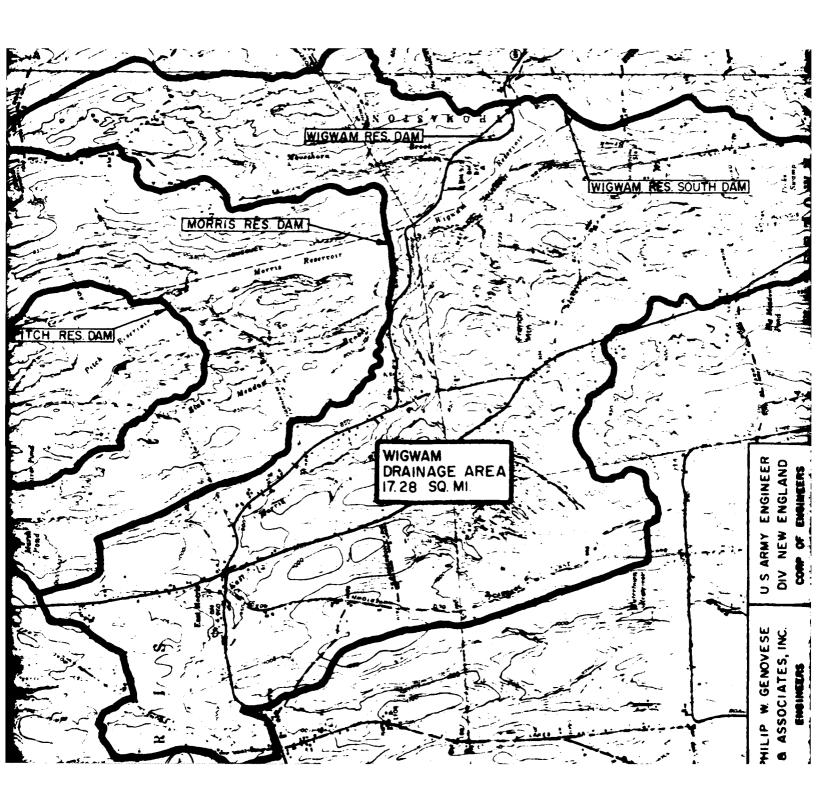


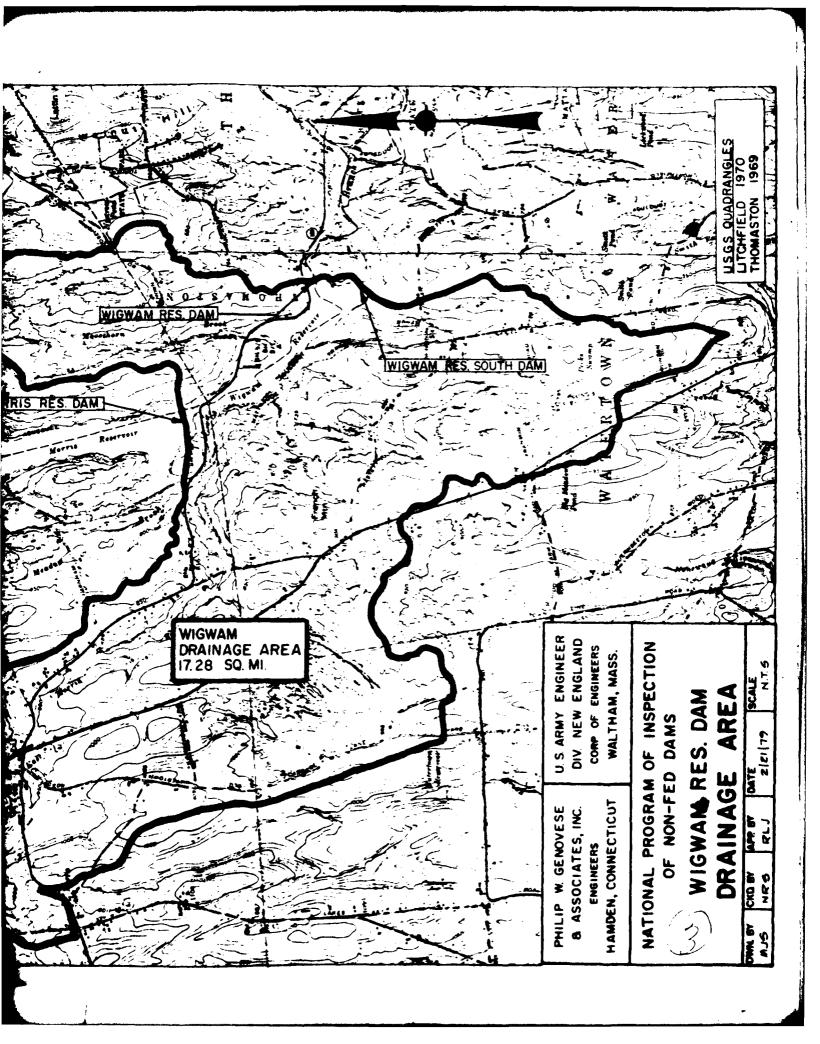
PHOTO NO. 11 - Looking along toe of dam toward left (north) abutment, from approximately 350 feet right (south) of spillway.

#### APPENDIX D

HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS







Name	Wiguam Dam .	Wigwam South Dam
Location	Thomastone, Waterlown, Ct	Watertown, Conn.
Dramage Area	11,059 forms /17.28 29-mi	11059 Acres /17.28 59-miles
Flow Line -	Flev 560.0 (1)563)	Elev seo.a (USGS)
Tap of Dam	Elev 557-1	Elev 569.6
Height of Dam	67 Feet	32 Feet
5,3e	Intermediate	Intermediate
Hazard -	Low	Low
Test Flood (Til)	1/2 PMF	½ PMF
T.F. Peak Discharge -	15, 120 cfs	15, 120 075
T.F. Runoff	9.5 inches	9.5 inches
T.F. Valume	8,749 Ac-Ft	8,749 Ac-Ft
Available Spilling Storage	780 As-Ft Freeboard	1,050 AC-FE Freeboard
Ofens Out Slaw	2,2.50 cf5	11,500 cfs
Stage o Open Allow -	Elev 567.25	Elov 567.25
a character -	795 Ac-Ft	795 Ac-Fi
Top of Dam	2946 Ac-Ft	3226 Ac-Ft

Note: The hydraulies E, hydrology have to be coord-noticed with Wigwam Reservoir fam as both dams serve the same Reservoir

Evaluate the "size E! "hazard" classification

### Size Classification

Ter of Dam: Elev 569.6

Downstram low point Elev 537.6

Height of Dam = 32 Feet

Reservoir area @ flow line = 97 acres,

The estimated valume to low the

Epillmany crest will be the same as

derived for the Wigman Res. Dam;

12. V2 177x 67' = 2156 AC-Ft.

Valume be tween ilow Irms z' top

of dam = 1060 Ac-Ft which yields

a total of 3226 AC-Ft

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### tragard Potential

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### Sizz Classification

Top of Dam: Elev 567.1

Downstream Low Point: Flev 500.1

Height of Dam = 67 Feet

Reservoir Area A flow line = 97 acres
Nevas, estimated volume bolow the spillway
crest = 12 bh = 12 x 97 x 67 = 2166 Ac-Ft

Volume Letween blow line of Top of Dam = 780 AC-Ft which yields a grand total of 2946 AC-Ft

Finally from table #1 of the O.C.E. goods a size classification of Intermediate 15 recommended.

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Elack Rock Dam lies about 7000 feet down strong and a placer to be primarily for flood control.

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### Spillway Design Storm (DDF) (Test Storm)

From table #3 of the O.C.E. quides, entering with "Low" E. "Intermediate" we obtain a "SDF" of 100 year > 1/2 PMF.

#### Drainage Arta = 17-28 equan miles

Using data formished by the Corp of Engineers N.E.D. and a D.A. of 17.3 syminare obtain 1750 cfs/mi for the PMF.

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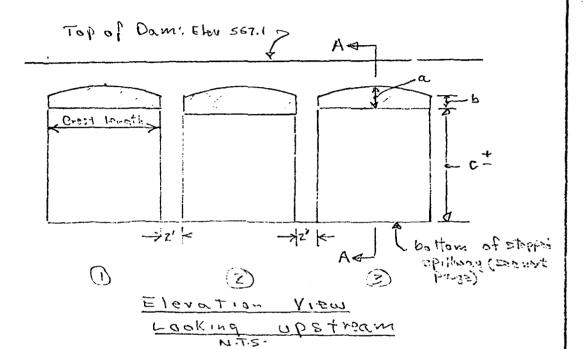
% PMF = (1750/2) (17.28) = 15,120 CPS and the 100 year storm is ≥ to %(xfmF), which yields 7,560 CPS

USC SDF = 15, 120 CFS

Volume of 5D F = (53.3 AF.M/M.) (17.28) (9.5") = B749 AC-FE

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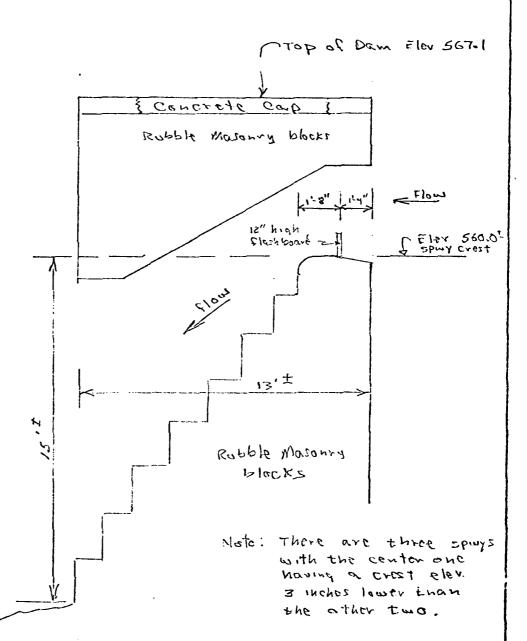
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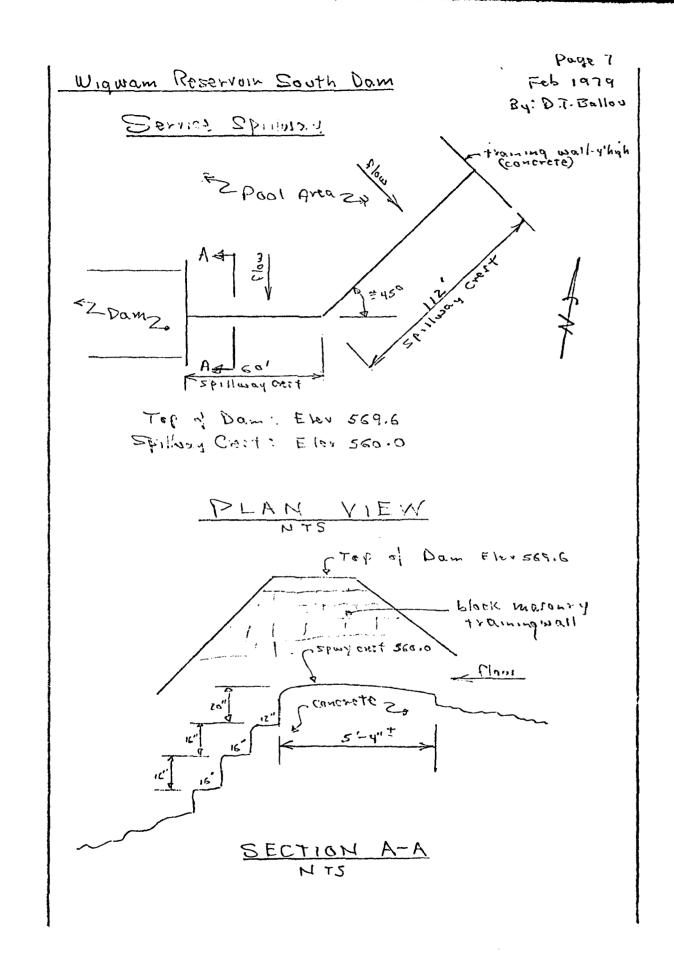
Wigwam Reservoir Dam Service Spillway



#### ELEVATION VIEW

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## Service Spillway Rating Purve

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- 2. Flash boards removed
- 3. Area of each spillway is equal
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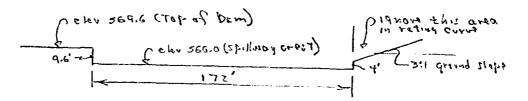
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Wigwam South retains a free board of 2.4'

white Nigwam is overtopped by 0.15'.

Nigwam is a masonry dam with a concrete

Cap & an overtopping of 2 inches should

not cause any undue concern.

April 1979 By D.T. Ballou

#### Commonts

1. A hazard classification of Low was salvited and a tost storm of KpMF used. please note that a classification of significant could have been expected and the test storm utilized would still be appropriate.

The low classification uses primarily based whom no habitation in the valley between Wigwarn Dam and the Corp's Black Rock Dam that is approximately 7000'downstream.

A classification of Significant may very well be considered due to Wigwam boing a key component in the City of Waterburgs water supply.

Breaching this dam and running downstram with the resulting water profile would not after the classification due to the absence of hebitation between the two dams.

Islack Rock has about 7000 Ac-Ft of storage and wiguam has about 3200 Ac-Ft of storage to the top of dam.

Commentary on Relationships of the 3 water supply Reservoirs in series where the upper reaches of the 2 downstream recorrains are immediately downstream of the upstream dam.

Dam	Storage No Frezbourd (AC-ff)	Total Stevage No Freeboard AC- Ft	Spay Chat Chat Elay	Dam Height ft	To P Flav (U565) (1565)
Pitch	1085	4200	727.0	94	736.0
Merris	1275	5865 9590	652.3	110	660.6
*Wigwam	780	2946	560.0	67	567.1
Higwam Sost	h 1060	3226	560.0	32	569-6

\* Those two Dame are on the same
reservoir with essentially the same
spillway crest elev, but top of darn
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Strong below spay Crest = 2166 ACFT, differences
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#### Commonts:

1. The breakning Q (sa page 9) 15 271,000 cls for piten Reservoir

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2. The total storage in pitch with no frabboard is 4200 Re-Ft.

Extending the stage-storage correct for Morris Reservoir would yield an elor of 678.0 regarded to contain the 4200 AC-Ft.

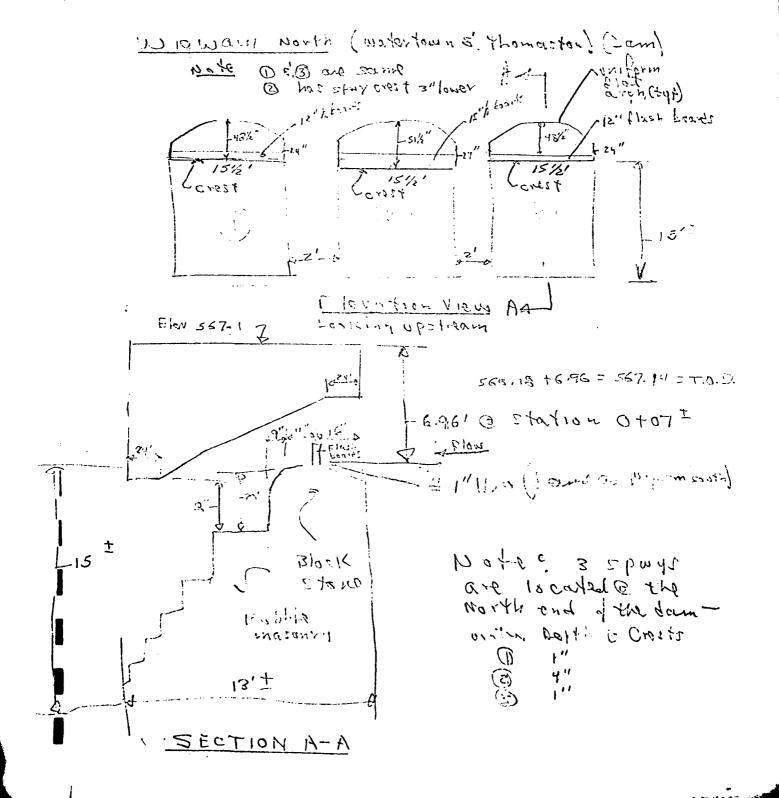
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# INVENTORY OF DAMS

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